

# The Doctrine of Marriage *vis a vis* Obstacles to a Godly Marriage

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## III. Christ and his bride the Church. Eph. 5.21f

### B. Each marriage blessed of God must be sanctified by Christ in his Church. Can a Christian marry a non-Christian? What about interdenominational marriages?

1. Is marriage valid if performed outside the church? Is it an institution of the Kingdom of the Left or Right hand of God; an order of Creation or Redemption?
  
2. Can a Christian marry a non-Christian?
  - A. 2 Cor. 6.14; Remembering this context is not marriage, but false apostles and non-Christian teachers in Corinth. But how is this applicable to marriage?
  
  - B. 1 Cor. 7.10-16 – Does becoming a Christian nullify the marriage vows made first?
  
  - C. In the Church's Marriage rite can an unbeliever vow what's required (See. 1 Cor. 7. 39)?
  
  - D. But then, what about... 1 Tim 4.1-5?
  
3. What about marriage between the denominations? Cut and dried or complicated? Christian freedom/legalism vs. regenerate wisdom.
  - A. Our doctrine of the Church. . .
  - B. Issues of headship.
  - C. Issues of children.
  - D. Relationships between
    - . . . doctrine and life;
    - . . . the Gospel and adiaphora
  
    - . . . (regenerate) reason vs. love (legitimate or as feeling)